

God answers prayer

He heals

“YOUR HUSBAND IS ALREADY DEAD”

## JOHN 11

**17** On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

**18** Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, **19** and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. **20** When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

**21** “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

**22** But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

## JOHN 11

**23** Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

**24** Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

**25** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; **26** and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

**27** “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

## **JOHN 11**

**32** When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

**33** When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

**34** “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord.”

**35** Jesus wept.

**36** Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

**37** But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

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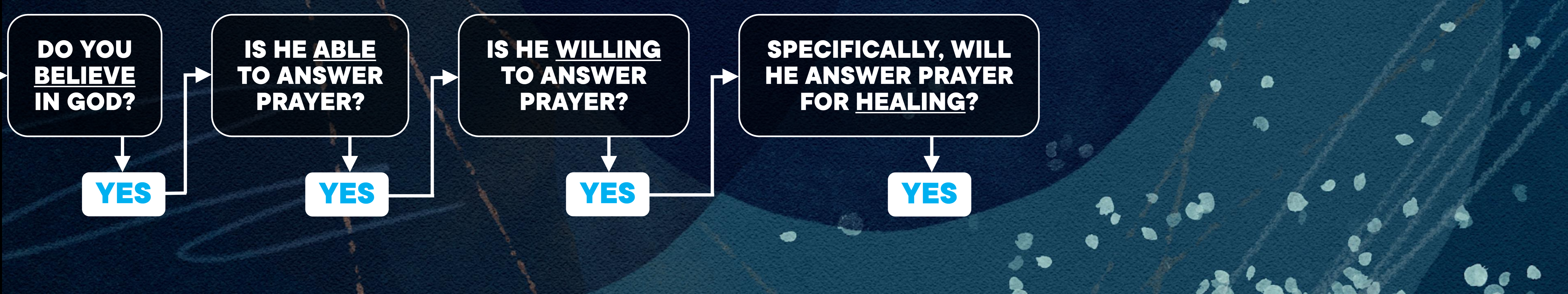
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**YES**

**YES**

**YES**





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**IS HE ABLE  
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**NO**

***DOES NOT COMPUTE!***

Surely a God who could create the world  
– calling something into existence out of  
nothing – would be able to answer prayer.

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**NOT AT THE MOMENT**

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**WE BELIEVE THE GOD OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVERMORE.**

**THE SAME POWER FOR SIGNS AND WONDERS – FROM THE TIME OF MOSES, TO ELIJAH, TO THE APOSTLES – STILL WORKS IN US TODAY THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

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**DO YOU  
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**YES**

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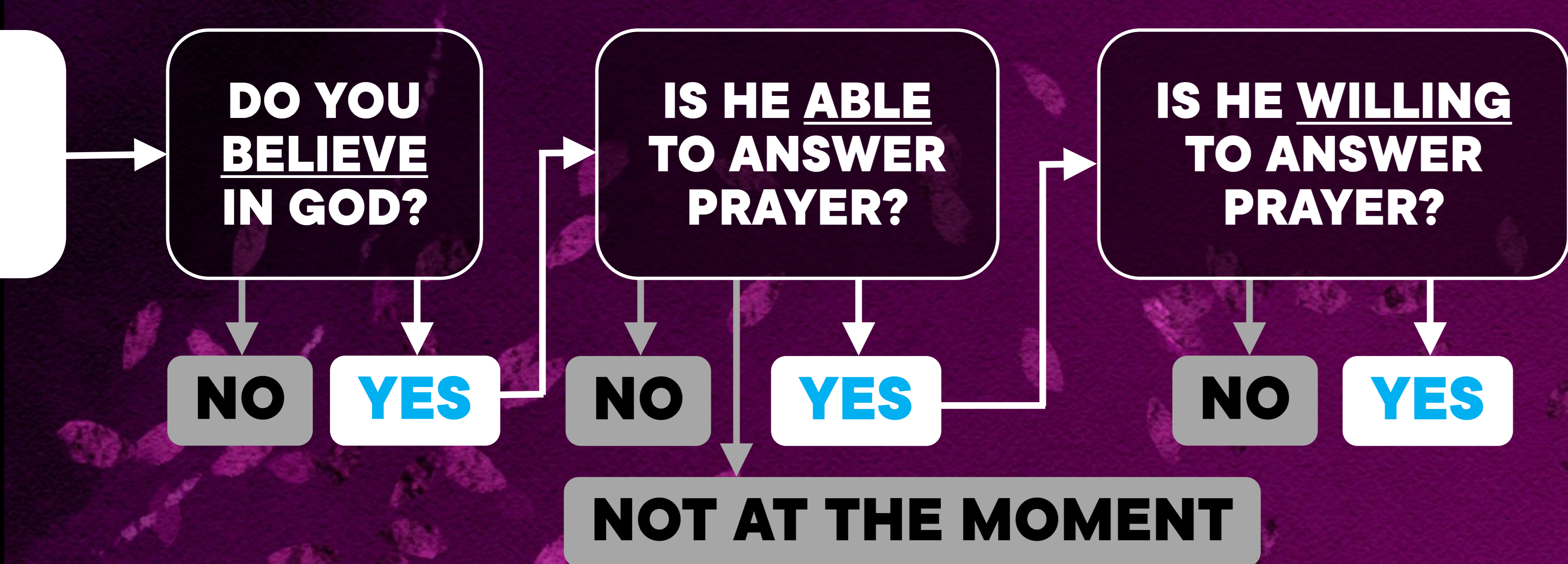
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**JOHN 11:22**

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you whatever  
you ask.”

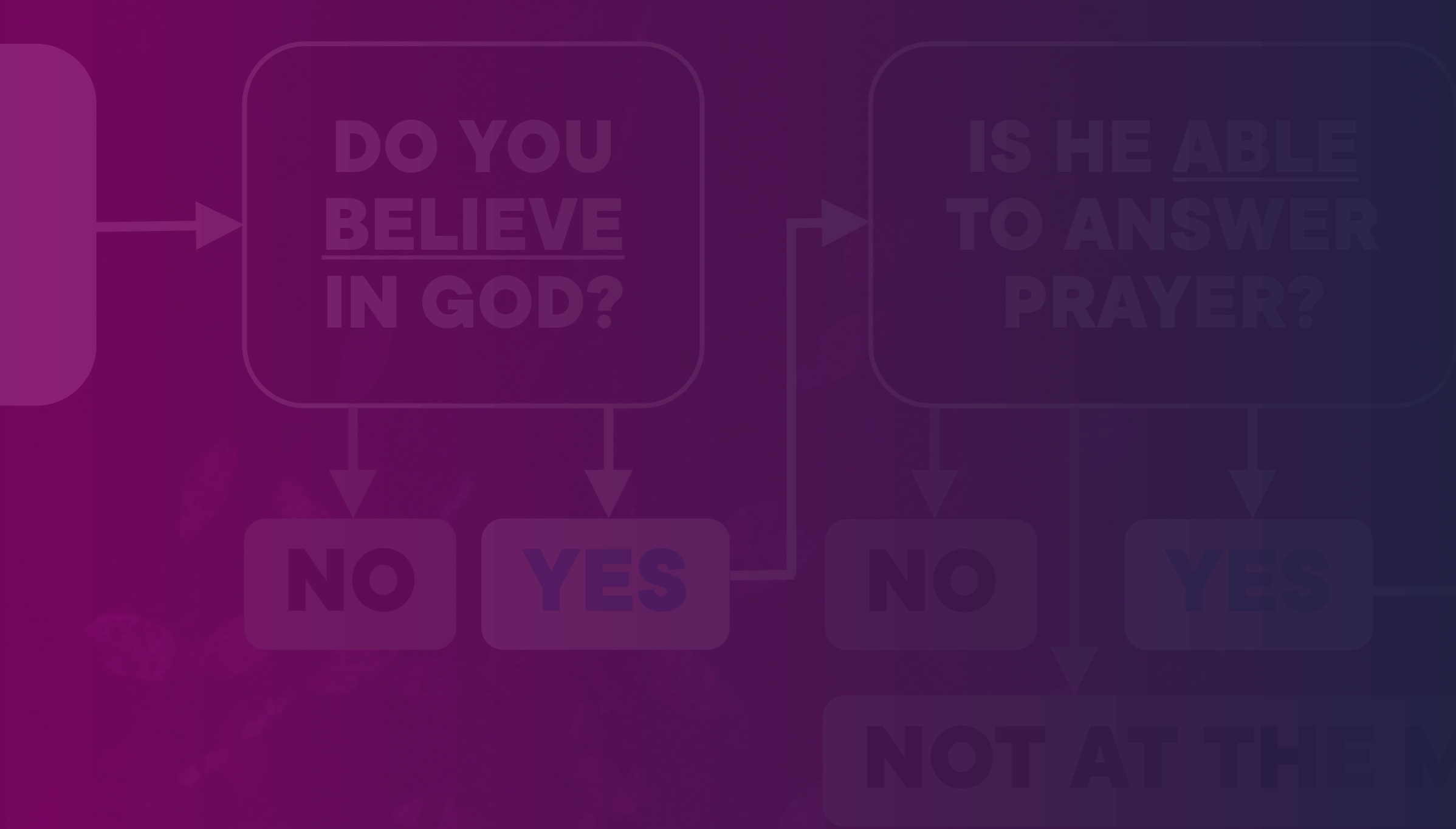




**JOHN 11:35-36**

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Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

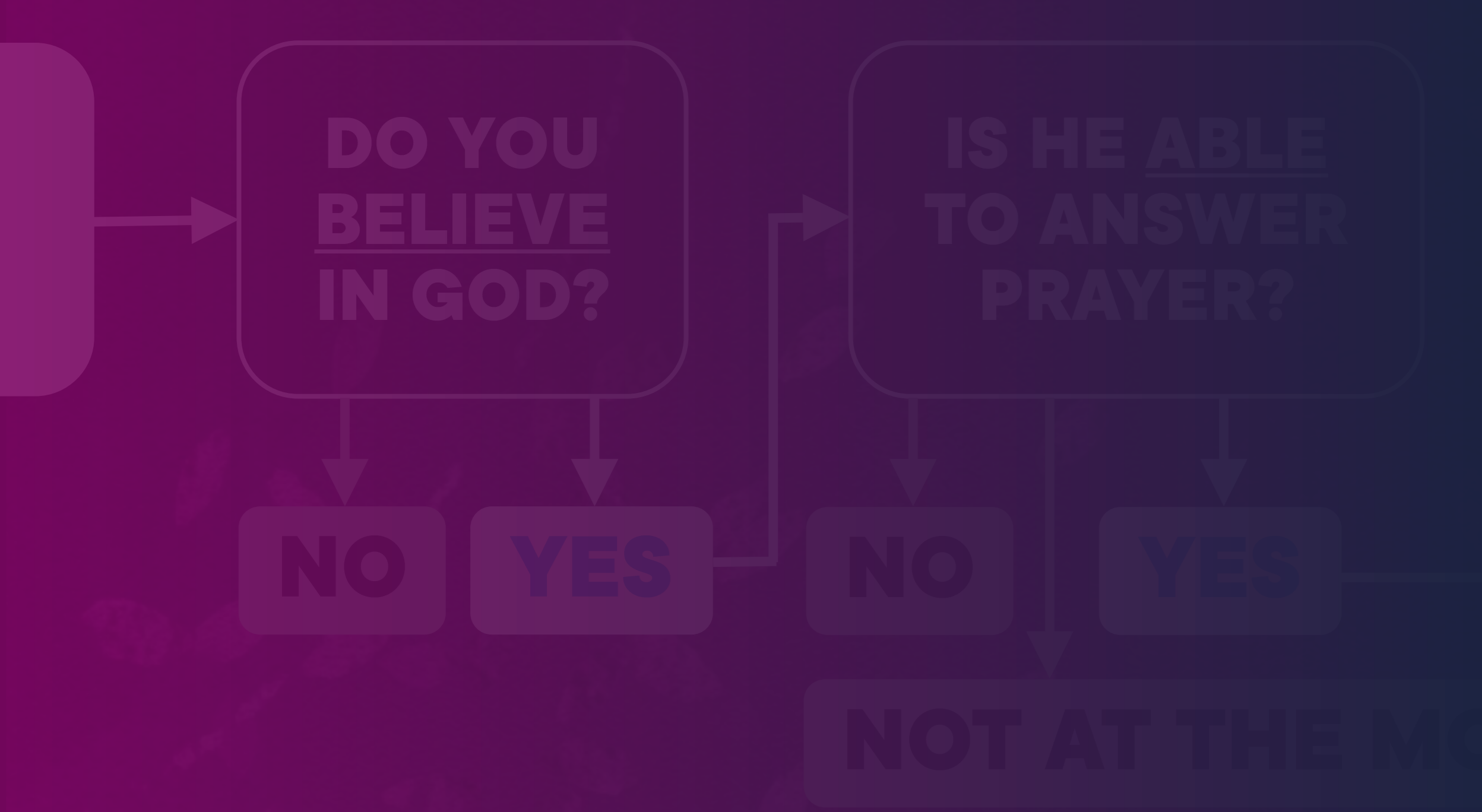


## ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

**John 16:24** “Until now you have not asked for anything **in My name.** Ask and you will receive and your joy will be complete.”

**1 John 5:14-15** “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything **according to His will,** He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

**Matt 7:7-11** “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find ... Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ... How much more will your Father in heaven give **good gifts** to those who ask Him!”



## WHY DO SOME PRAYERS GO UNANSWERED?

Some things remain mysteries. **PERHAPS ...**

### 1. You're not asking something in God's will

"You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." (James 4:3).

Eg: Prophets asking God to "take my life"! (Jonah 4:3, 1 Kings 19:4)

DO YOU  
**BELIEVE**  
IN GOD?

NO

YES

IS HE ABLE  
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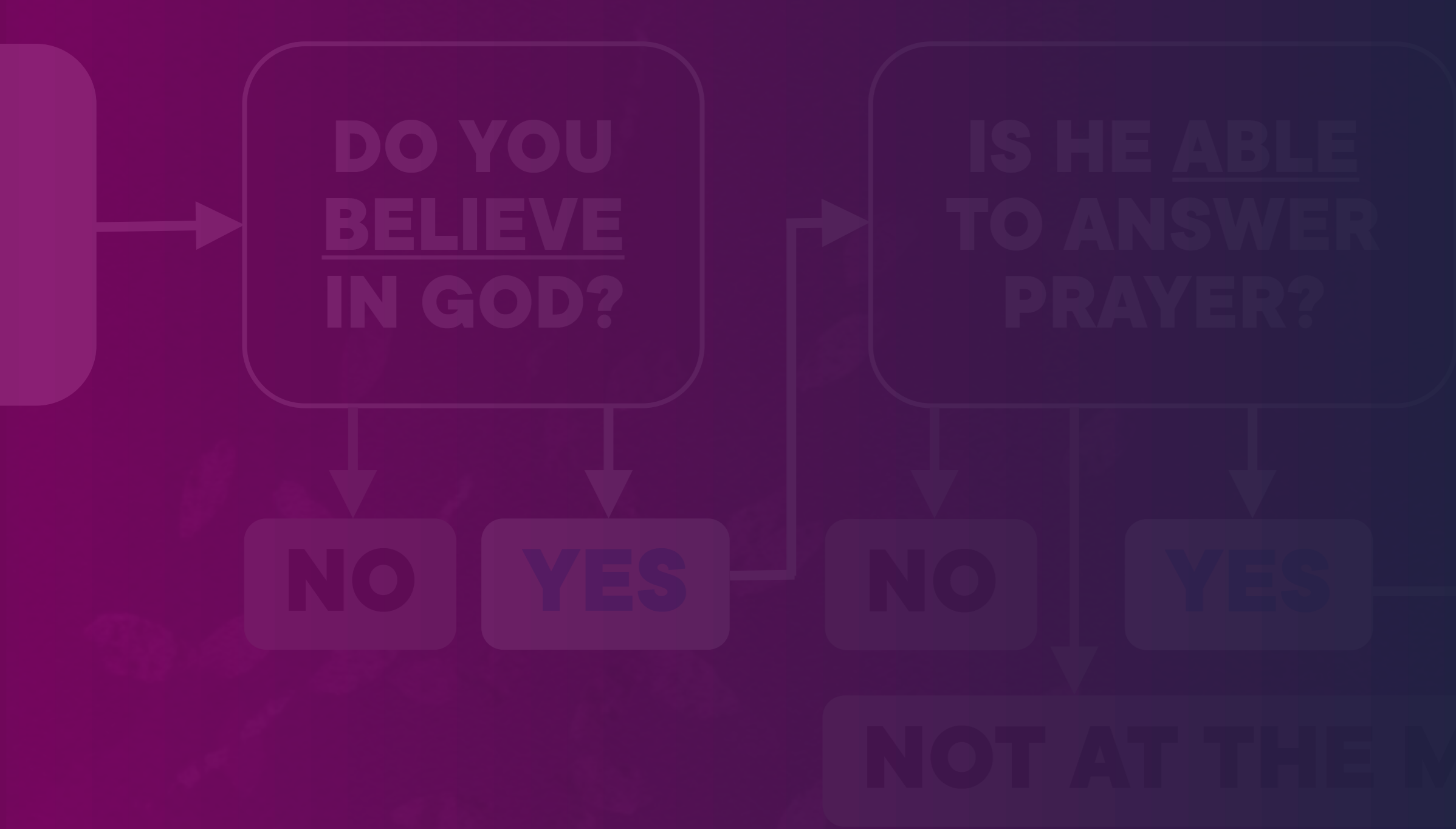
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“Ask in faith, with no doubting, for **the one who doubts** ... must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord” (James 1:6–7).

“No good thing does he withhold **from those who walk uprightly.**” (Ps 84:11)

“If one **turns away his ear** from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.” (Prov 28:9)



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**Eg 1 – Humility:** “A thorn was given me in the flesh ... to keep me from becoming conceited.” (2 Cor 12:7)

**Eg 2 – Perseverance:** The parable of the persistent widow from Luke 18:1-8. “And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night?”

DO YOU  
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NO

YES

IS HE ABLE  
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NO

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NOT AT THE  
PROPER TIME

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"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that **at the proper time** he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you." (1 Pet 5:6-7).

DO YOU  
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NO

YES

IS HE ABLE  
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PRAYER?

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YES

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MOMENT

## WHY DO SOME PRAYERS GO UNANSWERED?

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1. You're not asking something in God's will ▶ Grow in intimacy, Word

2. There are blockages in your spiritual life ▶ Confess, repent, RTF

3. God's "No"/ "Wait" may be for your good ▶ Grow in discernment

4. God answers in HIS good time, not yours ▶ Patience, Perseverance

DO YOU  
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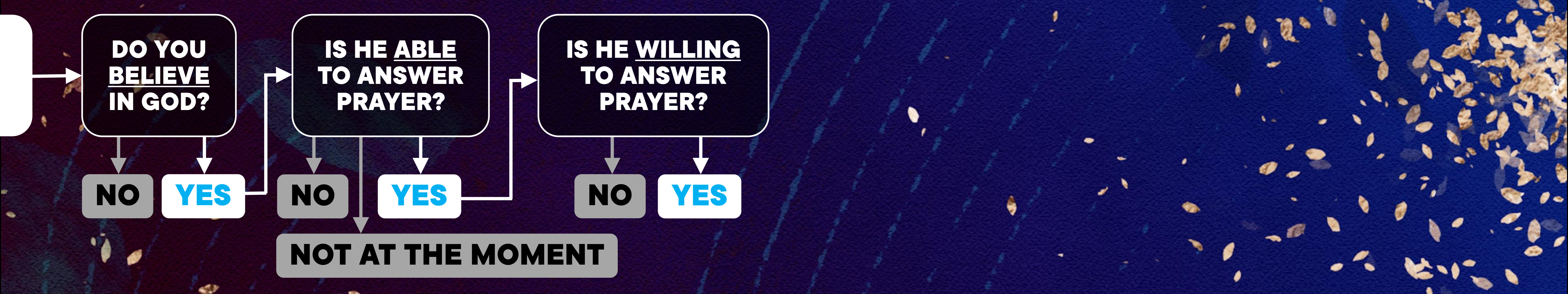
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- Intimacy, Word
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- discernment
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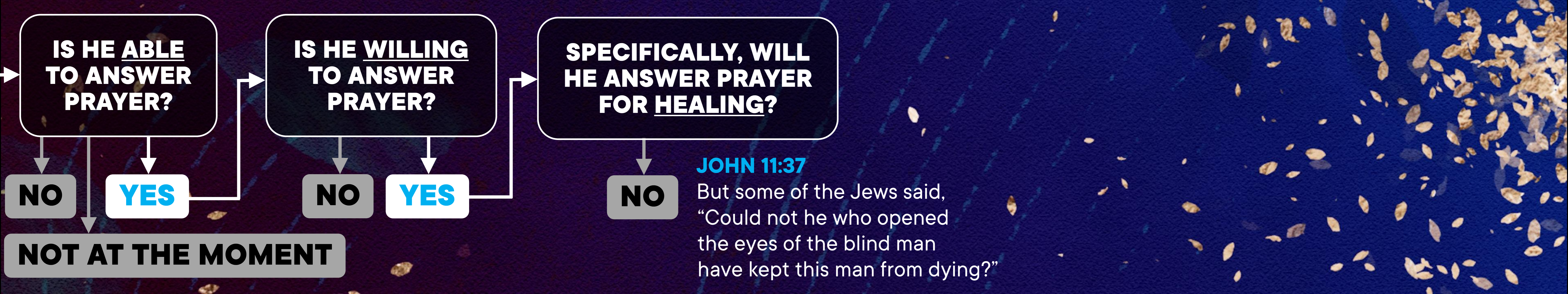
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**YES**



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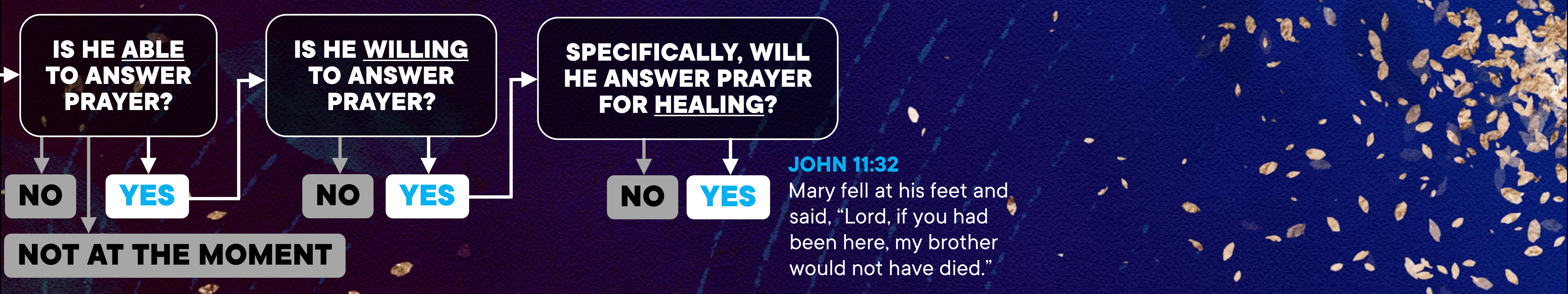
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**SPECIFICALLY, WILL HE ANSWER PRAYER FOR HEALING?**

**NO**

**JOHN 11:37**

But some of the Jews said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"



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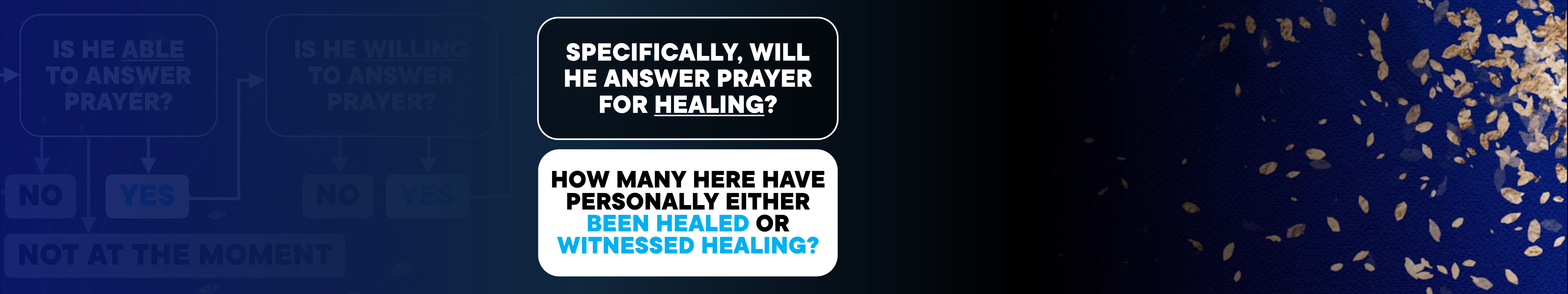
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**JOHN 11:32**

Mary fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."



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**HOW MANY HERE HAVE  
PERSONALLY EITHER  
**BEEN HEALED** OR  
**WITNESSED HEALING**?**

NO

YES

NO

YES

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**From: Lynn**

My colleague was feeling dizzy and was vomiting at work. Her face turned green and pale.

I asked her, **“Can I pray for you?”**

She agreed. After the prayer, she told me that she couldn't understand why she felt like crying. She was instantly healed and was able to walk around and talk to people at work!

**CAN I  
PRAY  
FOR  
YOU?**

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**From: Jenny**

I shared a table with a woman at a hawker centre. She had a white plastic bag of medicine with her. We spoke and I found out that she had just seen a doctor. I asked, "**Can I pray for you?**"

She agreed. I prayed for healing from her cold, phlegm and cough. After the prayer, she told me that a lot of her phlegm came out and her throat had cleared!

**CAN I  
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YOU?**

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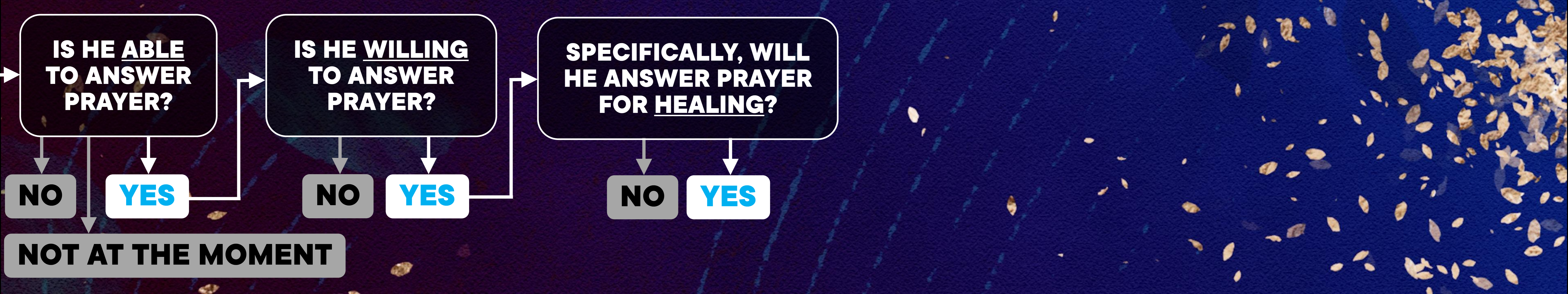
I was helping someone who needed help to cross the overhead bridge. While doing so, I found out that she had a swollen right foot. So, I took the chance to ask her, **“Can I pray for you?”**

She said yes. I did. And God healed her! There was no more swelling! She said she felt that something left her. So, I shared the Gospel with her and she prayed to receive Jesus into her heart.

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**NO**

**YES**

**SPECIFICALLY, WILL  
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**NO**

**YES**

**HAVE  
YOU  
ASKED?**

**NOT  
YET**

**YES,  
BUT...**

Refer to "Why do some  
prayers go unanswered?"

**LET  
FAITH  
ARISE!**

## JOHN 11

**39** “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.”

**40** Then Jesus said, “**Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?**”

**41** So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

**42** I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

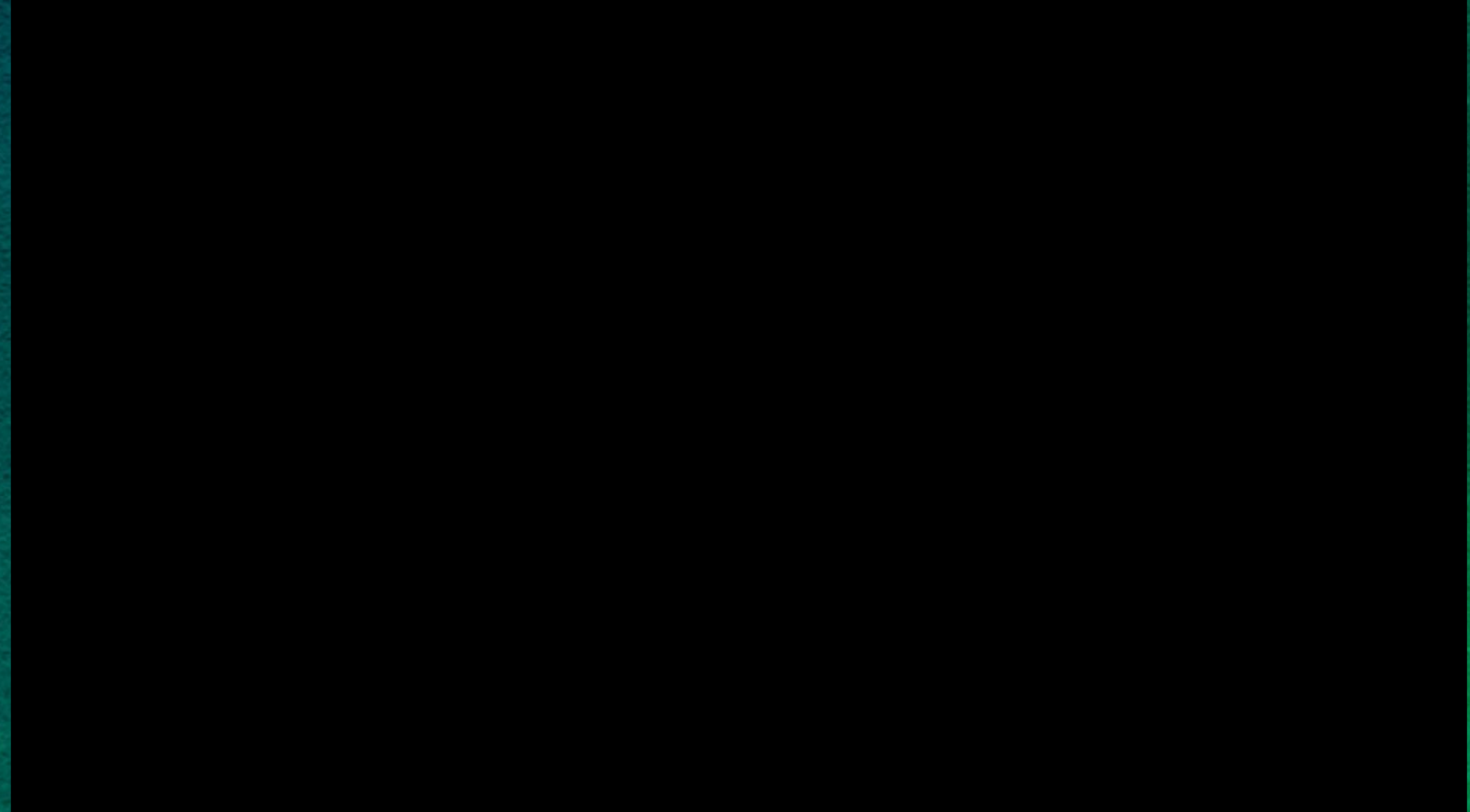
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**43** When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice,  
“**Lazarus, come out!**”

**44** The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped  
with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them,

“**Take off the grave clothes and let him go.**”



**DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER?**

✓ **DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD?**

✓ **IS HE ABLE TO ANSWER PRAYER?**

✓ **IS HE WILLING TO ANSWER PRAYER?**

✓ **WILL HE ANSWER PRAYER FOR HEALING?**

**JOHN 11:40**

“Did I not tell  
you that if you  
believe, you will see  
the glory of God?”

✓ **HAVE YOU ASKED?**

✓ **LET FAITH ARISE!**

# Let faith arise

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3. Pain on the left chest.
4. Left hand has lost its dexterity.
5. Infection on right index finger.
6. Pain in your finger joints due to rheumatoid arthritis.
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8. A stubborn cough, on and off.
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